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Extremely Hydrophobic
Nitric Oxide-Releasing
Polymers & Methods for
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to first Office Action as outlined in the following pages.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application serial number 09/972219 filed October 4, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 27-32.

Please add the following claims:

36. . . The medical device according to claim 25 wherein said extremely hydrophobic nitric oxide-releasing biocompatible polydiazoniumdiolated polymer is a polyamine-functionalized polymer.